GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

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PRODUCTION OF CASHEW
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal for increasing the production of cashew in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any State Government has submitted any proposal for increasing cashew production;

(d) if so, the action taken by the Government thereon; and

(e) the progress made so far for setting up of the proposed Cashew Development Board?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a)&(b): Yes Sir. The Government has chalked out integrated action plan in the 11th Plan for the expansion of area and replanting of senile areas of cashew over an area of 75,000 ha and 1, 00,000 ha respectively for a period of 5 years in all the cashew growing states along with supporting programmes, with a production projection of 11.00 lakh MT by the end of 11th Plan.

(c)&(d) The State Development Departments submit their proposals for the developmental programmes viz. area expansion and replanting/rejuvenation of cashew along with supporting programmes for approval and implementation under National Horticulture Mission (NHM). The Government extends financial assistance for the same directly to the state development departments/state horticulture Mission societies in various States through the concerned State Govt. State wise details of target and achievement made during 2007-08 is annexed herewith.

(e) Details of the proposed Cashew Board have been worked out and the in-principal approval of the Planning Commission has also been received.